





IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO SELECTED RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES LOCATED IN THE HURON A, HURON B AND CONCORD AVENUE NEIGHBORHOODS

RE: Request to Schedule Building Inspections

DATE: February 11, 2011

Dear Cambridge Resident / Business Owner

On behalf of the Cambridge Department of Public Works (DPW), Kleinfelder/S E A Consultants Inc and MWH Americas, Inc (KSEA/MWH), has begun the investigations for the planning and design of sanitary and stormwater systems in your neighborhood.

The original sewer lines in the City of Cambridge were engineered over 150 years ago as a combined system with sewage and stormwater collected in the same pipe and sent to the MWRA for treatment. During heavy rainfall events, however, these combined sewers can become overloaded and may overflow directly into the Alewife Brook and cause backups in your property or flooding in your neighborhood.

As we begin this important work, information about your specific property is needed to complete the design of these improvements. Information collected will be used to design new sanitary and stormwater system that will reduce flooding and back-ups in your neighborhood, and reduce polluted discharges to the Alewife Brook. KSEA/MWH therefore request your permission to conduct a brief inspection of your home, building and property this spring, starting as soon as February 22nd.

TO SCHEDULE AN INSPECTION OF YOUR BUILDING, PLEASE CALL CHRISTINE CLANCY, AT 617-594-1316 OR EMAIL AT Christine.Clancy@seacon.com.

How Will the Building Inspections be Conducted:

KSEA/MWH representatives will have proper identification with them. KSEA/MWH will conduct the inspection at the scheduled time and will not access your home or business without your permission. Inspections will attempt to determine how and where discharges from the sanitary sewer, sump pumps, yard drains, driveway drains, stairwell drains and roof drains leave your property. The inspections will require access to your basements and possibly your roofs. This determination will be made by visual observation, conversation with the property owner/tenant, or (with the owner/tenant's approval) by

flushing colored water into sump pump pits and into toilets to confirm the point of discharge to the City's sewer system located in the street. The colored water will flush clean and will not damage your plumbing. The inspection will require approximately one hour to complete.

If you have additional questions regarding the purpose and method of building inspection, please contact Catherine Daly Woodbury, DPW Project Manager at 617-349-4818 or by email at cwoodbury@cambridgema.gov.

To schedule a building inspection, please contact Christine Clancy, the KSEA/MWH representative, by phone at 617-594-1316 or by email at Christine.Clancy@seacon.com.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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